

children hope that good food and warm clothing will be theirs some day. The man believes that he'll yet have a steady job, and health to hold it. The girl believes that some day things will be better, while the poor crippled woman is patient in her suffering and content to do the best she can so long as God lets her live.

*When you get discouraged, remember this family, for there is a lesson in living in this abode of poverty.*

#### These Must Go

A trade magazine gives a list of the boys who are the first to lose their situations in any well-ordered house. Here are a few of them.

The exquisite young man who parts his hair in the middle, and is shocked at the W- of soiling his hands by a little honest work.

The luxurious youth, who has twenty dollar-a-week tastes and habits, and a ten dollar-a-week salary.

The young man who hasn't sense enough to do anything unless he is ordered to do it, and the young man who is always doing things contrary to orders.

st The remarkable youth, who invariably knows what a customer wants better than he does himself.

The young man who is ignorant of the use of soap and water, and hair brush and comb, and other toilet requisites, and the young man who is so wrapped up in the use of these that he has thought for little else.

The young man who wears flashy jewelry, exhales an odor of musk, wears wide stripes, daring cravats, violent checks, and is generally "horsey."

To this may be added: The young man whose lusterless eyes and soiled fingers proclaim him a cigarette smoker.—The School Index.

## Sisters' S. C. E.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Another letter has come asking why I do not write for the S. S. C. E. department each week and tell something of city-life as seen from the *Whole Gospel Mission*. It is not because this subject might be considered foreign to the Sister's Christian Endeavor, for it is the work of our organization to help all missionary effort; but I see little else than the sorrowing side of life, the distress and suffering of body, mind and heart of those who say with Job "my stroke is heavier than my groaning." You see then it wouldn't be well to paint a dark, gloomy, picture like that every week. Then, too, time follows his own course and does not allow one to remain long at study table when the voice from the troubled street is continually calling.

But I promise to write oftener and sometimes tell about our work, for it just now occurs to me as rather unique, differing from our Washington and Chicago missions in

several particulars. To feed and clothe the poor and help in sickness, is not a small feature of our work, tho we are not supported by any mission board. The services are held in the main part of the house while now they both have church buildings. Despite the mission's four services a week, its manager is away six weeks at a time holding revival meetings elsewhere. But for his work in Allentown, Sister Harley quite repaid that by giving us two weeks of her presence and help during our special meetings. How the poor are helped without our having a bank account, I'll explain another week.

Brother J. B. Wampler from the western part of the state, stopped here on his return from New Jersey and filled the regular appointments, Sunday afternoon and night. We were all glad for his coming as he was just in time to take Brother Bowman's place the first Sunday of his absence. Tuesday night Brother Wampler lectured with map illustrations, which was greatly enjoyed even by the children. That he has given much time to careful and critical Bible study is very evident, and his maps and charts are fine. I trust his example will be followed by other Brethren visiting the city, and that we may hear them preach.

Mrs. Augustine tells me there are yet a number of societies that have not yet sent in their January remittance. Some of them in this state, a number in Ohio and even Indiana is lagging, some others also. Sister President is it a part of the Lord's work? Then you must feel it is yours, and you cannot ignore the voice of conscience without greatly wronging yourself. Tho it isn't January any more please see that your secretary collects the dues and remits to Mrs. Augustine. If she cannot soon see the different members, by the consent of the society draw from the local treasury the amount equal to 10 cents a member. As many as will attend to this before March is gone, can save me from writing personally. We do not strive for this, that we may have a good report at conference, but because the success of our work will certainly mean more souls for Christ. But my pen is heavy and I'll wait to say more another week.

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## Our Young People

### "OUR OWN FOR CHRIST"

Psalms 85:1-13

#### A Meeting in the Interest of Home Missions

Topic for Sunday, March 23.

#### HOME READINGS.

Mon.,	Mar. 17,	The promise, John 12: 27-36.
Tues.,	" 18,	The calling, 1 Cor. 1: 26-31.
Wed.,	" 19,	The separation, 2 Tim. 2: 1-4.
Thurs.,	" 20,	The power, Jer. 1: 11-19.
Fri.,	" 21,	Shameful silence, 2 Kings 7: 3-9.
Sat.,	" 22,	Glorious speech, Isa. 50: 4-10.

The subject of home missions needs especial

study by young people of the Brethren church because:

1. The question of foreign missions is pressing upon us and our leaders are trying to decide whether we are ready to launch out into the foreign field. We should have intelligent opinions of our own about it.

2. The church is yet small and has isolated members in many places who need care.

3. We have important home mission enterprises which are suffering for want of support.

While other denominations have more ministers than places, we can scarcely find men to take care of our well-organized churches. The young people must furnish recruits for ministers and missionaries. This topic should cause interest in this work.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP

1. Jesus a home missionary. Lk. 4: 16; Mt. 15: 24.

He could not go to all the world alone but he trained a band of disciples who could pass along his message to a larger band and thus by ever-widening circles carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Did Jesus preach to the foreigners in his own country? John 4: 7-10; Mk. 7: 26-30.

What lesson may we learn from the fact that Christ fully taught the gospel to a few instead of giving a smattering of it to many?

2. Converts should begin their testimony at home. Mk. 5: 19.

This man however published it thru all the regions round about.

If a person fully realizes salvation thru Christ can he refrain from telling it?

3. An example of personal work among one's own people. John 1: 40-42.

Why should we be doing personal work among the unconverted?

4. Paul first fully preached the gospel in the regions round about and then went to the regions beyond. Rom. 15: 19, 23.

Is Paul's example a good one for us to follow?

5. If people will not hear the gospel in one place we are to go to another. Matt. 10: 23.

It is not required that we spend our lives repeating the gospel message to those who have hardened their hearts against it hundreds of times?

#### QUESTIONS

(For the whole audience.)

1. What right have we to divide the work of missions and call part "Home" and part "Foreign"?

2. Ought we as a church try to establish missions when the field is already occupied by some other church?

3. What is the Brethren church doing for home missions?

4. What do you know of the success of the work in Washington? in Chicago?

5. What are the needs of our general mission board?

6. What has our local church done for home missions this year? our society? what have you done?

7. Will God excuse any one for not supporting missions because they say "I don't believe in missions"?

8. What do you know about the need of mission work among the negroes of the south? among the Indians? among the Mormons? in our cities?

9. Is there a neglected corner in your city or county where mission work should be done?

10. What discipline ought to be imposed on church members who spend money needlessly and yet will not give to missions?